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1. The Zverinek plant of Asbestos, National Enterprise, is located in the village of Zverinek, south of Nymburk (051/G20).
2. Buildings (Letters refer to Annex B):
 - C. Boiler house and engine room. In the engine room are steam engines for emergency production of electric current in case of a breakdown in the main supply.
 - D. A brick one-story building, used as workshops. One part of this building is used as a rubber workshop and the other for the production of copper asbestos gaskets. This section also produces paper and is used as a drying room. Insulating plates are manufactured here.
 - E. A brick two-story building. On the ground floor is a rubber workshop with mixing vats and vulcanizing presses. On the first floor are mills for grinding asbestos and storage space for asbestos.
 - G. A two-story brick building. On the ground floor are administrative offices and on the second floor are apartments for employees.
 - H. Brick one-story building containing technical offices.
 - I. New workshop built in 1952. A brick one-story building used solely for the production of copper asbestos gaskets.
3. The factory produces the following:
 - a. Asbestos paper;
 - b. All kinds of copper asbestos gaskets for compression and internal combustion engines;

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- c. Copper asbestos gaskets for tanks and aircraft engines;
- d. Asbestos insulating plates;
- e. Asbestos clothing, gloves, shoes, blankets, etc.

Until 1952 the factory was also producing rubber goods, such as floor mats for cars, foot rests for motorcycles, and tires for cars, motorcycles and bicycles. Production of these is gradually being transferred to Gottwaldov.¹ At the present time no tires whatever are being manufactured here.

- 4. The main raw material, asbestos, used to be imported mainly from Canada and the USSR. Since 1948 however, it has only been imported from the USSR. Sand is brought in from the works' own sandpit. The origin of the talc used in the works is not known. It arrives by train at the station of Sadaka or Horatev and from there is hauled to the factory in trucks.
- 5. The factory owns the following vehicles: 3 three-ton trucks, 3 tractors, 3 trailers, 1 bus.
- 6. The main customers are Skoda, Tatra, and Praga.
- 7. The total number of employees, including office workers, is about 500, of whom nearly 300 are women. They work two shifts.
- 8. The factory has its own fire brigade and fire engine, which is kept in the garage. Members of the fire brigade are workers in the factory.

1. Comment: Presumably Svit, National Enterprise, in Gottwaldov is meant.

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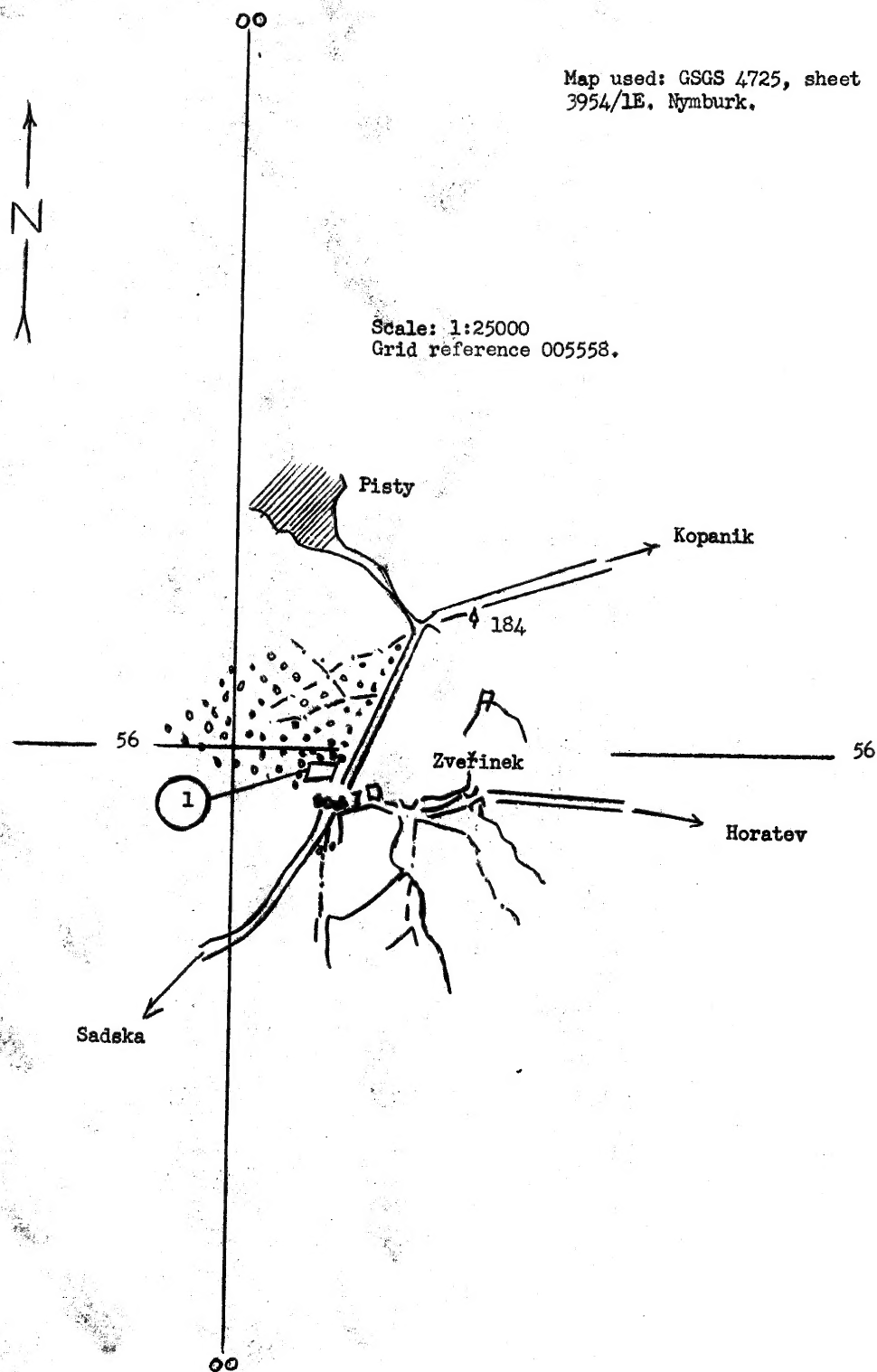
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Location of the Zverinek factory of Asbestos, National Enterprise

Annex A



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Annex C

Legend to Annex BLegend to layout of the Zverinek factory of Asbestos, National Enterprise.

1. Wire-net fence, top bent inside with barbed wire. Approximate height: 2 m.

2. Sand pit

3. To Pisty and Kopanik

4. Brick wall; approximate height: 1.5 m.

5. Main gate

6. Gate for pedestrians

7. To Sadska

8. Country road

A. New chimney; height: 80 m.

B. Old chimney

C. Boiler house and engine room

D. Workshop. Type of roof:

E. Workshop. Type of roof:

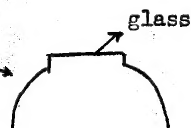
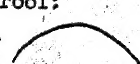
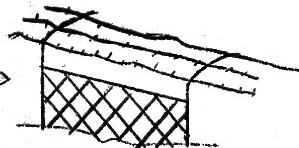
F. Gatekeeper's lodge

G. Administration office and flats

H. Technical office

I. Garage

J. New workshop. Type of roof:



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